

**Preliminary Amendment**

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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR *IN VIVO* AND *IN VITRO* ATTENUATION OF GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA

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**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following amended paragraph.

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/038,984 filed January 4, 2002, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/493,301, filed January 28, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/117,635, filed January 28, 1999 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/175,440, filed January 11, 2000, all of which are incorporated by reference.